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VIA EMAIL

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Re: FOIA Request dated 8/1/19; received 8/2/19

Dear Mr. Chapman:

I am responding to the request for documents under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") statute that was received by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office (the "SAO") on August 2, 2019 via e-mail. On August 9, 2019 the SAO sent the statutory request for a five-day extension and is herewith timely responding to your FOIA.

You have asked for:

A copy of all records that would appear on a "Complaint for Search" sent to the Felony Review Unit.

A copy of all records that would appear on a "Complaint for Search" sent to the Narcotics Prosecution Bureau.

Search warrant information has been requested in the past by Lucy Parsons Labs in the past [1] and has most notably been found in the CLEAR database. I kindly ask that your agency expand the search beyond CLEAR, wherever relevant.

As the statute allows, please provide me with an excel spreadsheet of these records. As the records are going through two separate departments, please provide two separate excel spreadsheets.

Please note it is not clear what records you are seeking in your requests for, "[A]ll records that would appear on a 'Complaint for Search'". Furthermore, the SAO possesses no search warrant information extractable to a spreadsheet that would comply with your request for "an excel spreadsheet of these records."

While the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") requires a public body, such as the SAO, to produce documents (5 ILCS 140/3(a) "Each public body shall make available to any person for inspection or copying all public records, except as otherwise provided in section 7 of this Act."), the FOIA does not require a public body to provide answers to questions or create documents. In fact, 5 ILCS 140/3.3 provides that FOIA "is not intended to compel public bodies to interpret or advise requesters as to the meaning or significance of the public records." Additionally, in *Kenyon v. Garrels*, 184 Ill. App. 3d 28, 32 (4th Dist. 1989), the Illinois Appellate Court noted that FOIA "does not compel the agency to provide answers to questions posed by the inquirer."

You have a right to appeal this decision to Sarah Pratt, Public Access Counselor, Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (phone number 1-877-299-FOIA) or to seek judicial review under Section 11 of FOIA, 5 ILCS 140/11 (2017).

Sincerely,

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